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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINT, GW
SUBJECT: GREEN PARTY FOUNDED IN NRW; POISON GAS EMISSION MAY
BOOST CHANCES

1. ON JUNE 18, 1978, A GREEN PARTY FOR ECOLOGY
PROTECTION WAS FOUNDED IN NORTH RHINE-WESTPHALIA (NRW).
FIRST CHAIRMAN IS BIOLOGY TEACHER FRIEDHELM WEGENER OF
BOTTROP (RUHR); VICE CHAIRMAN IS JUDGE NORBERT MANN OF
MUELHEIM (RUHR). THE PARTY CLAIMS 100 MEMBERS AND
EXPECTS 1000 BY THE END OF 1978.

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2. THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW PARTY WAS TEMPORARILY
DISTURBED BY UNINVITED GROUPS, WHICH THE FOUNDERS
IDENTIFIED AS LEFTIST-ORIENTED. CHAIRMAN WEGENER
CLEARLY REJECTED COOPERATION WITH COMMUNISTS BUT A FORMAL
MOTION TO THIS EFFECT WAS DEFEATED BY THE ASSEMBLY.
VICE CHAIRMAN MANN EMPHASIZED THAT PARTY MEMBERSHIP WAS
OPEN TO EVERYONE, BUT MEMBERSHIP IN THE NEW PARTY WAS

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INCOMPATIBLE WITH MEMBERSHIP IN ANY OTHER PARTY.

3. THE CHANCES OF THE NEW ECOLOGY PARTY WILL PROBABLY BE BOOSTED BY A NEAR ECOLOGY DISASTER IN DUISBURG. ON JUNE 19, 1978, TEN PERSONS HAD TO BE HOSPITALIZED AS A CONSEQUENCE OF EXPOSURE TO A SULPHUR DIOXYDE CLOUD, WHICH ESCAPED WHEN A NEW CHEMICAL PLANT WAS PUT INTO OPERATION IN THE DENSELY POPULATED RUHR CITY. EXPERTS CALLED THE POISON CONCENTRATION ALARMINGLY HIGH AND FEARED THAT THE ACCIDENT MIGHT HAVE HAD FATAL CONSEQUENCES FOR MANY INHABITANTS, IF THE CHIMNEY THROUGH WHICH THE GAS ESCAPED HAD NOT BEEN AS HIGH AS IT WAS (80 METERS; 250 FEET).DUX

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